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Western Gypsite, LLC  
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FEB 02 2016  
DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Formanek:

On July 17, 2015, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salt Lake Field Office (SLFO) received your mining and reclamation plan to mine gypsite from public lands located in T. 1 N., R. 13 W., section 1, and T. 1 N., R. 12 W., sections 5, 8, and 17, in Tooele County, Utah.

Consistent with the mineral materials regulations at 43 CFR 3601.43, the BLM has reviewed your mining and reclamation plan to determine if it meets the content requirements at 43 CFR 3601.41 and 3601.42. Based on our review, the following additional information is required in order for the plan to be complete:

- 1) Your plan indicates that mined material will be stockpiled. Please provide additional information about proposed stockpiles on public land (size, volume, cover, location, duration, etc.).
- 2) Your plan states that prior to mining activities, all areas will be scanned for unexploded ordinance (UXO). Describe the procedures, methods and equipment you plan to use for your UXO survey.
- 3) Your operations description states that the front edge of the excavated dunes will be preserved so that colluvial gypsite may be replenished. Please provide the approximate dimensions (height and width) of the dune material that will remain in place.
- 4) As part of your description of operations, please provide a list (preferably in table form specifying the size, number, and type) of mobile and stationary equipment (haul trucks, support vehicles, loaders, dozers, graders, screens, etc.) you will be using during all phases of operations.
- 5) Please provide information on the frequency and number of vehicle trips for all types of vehicles including support vehicles (fuel, water, and maintenance), and haul trucks.

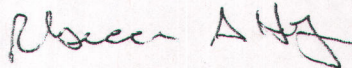


- 6) Please provide information about the specific location of the railroad load out areas and show them on a map. Provide the proposed route of haul trucks and the estimated haul distance to the load out areas.
- 7) Provide an operations schedule that includes the hours and days of operation, and operating seasons.
- 8) Please provide additional information about the sampling activities you propose in the project areas. For example, what would be the size, frequency, location, and number of samples collected throughout the life of the project.
- 9) Please provide an Interim Management Plan that describes how the project area would be managed during periods of temporary and/or seasonal closure. The interim management plan should include, where applicable, the following:
  - a) Measures to stabilize excavations and workings;
  - b) Measures to isolate or control toxic or deleterious materials;
  - c) Provisions for the storage or removal of equipment, supplies and structures;
  - d) Measures to maintain the project area in a safe and clean condition;
  - e) Plans for monitoring site conditions during periods of non-operation;
  - f) A schedule of anticipated periods of temporary closure during which you would implement the interim management plan, including provisions for notifying BLM and DOGM of unplanned or extended temporary closures; and
  - g) In cases of temporary or seasonal closure, you must provide adequate maintenance, monitoring, security, and financial guarantee.

In order to show that the proposed uses and activities will prevent or avoid unnecessary or undue degradation, you must show that they will conform to all applicable federal and state environmental standards by obtaining all required permits and authorizations and meeting the standards required by state and federal law.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Stephen Allen at (801) 977-4360.

Sincerely,



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